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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 15, 2006
TO: Kathleen Clinton, John Craven, and Cate Newbanks
FROM: Stephen H. Norris
Deputy Commissioner 
SUBJECT: DMRS Wrap-Around Benefit for Prescription Drugs

As described below, the Division of Mental Retardation Services is extending its state-funded wrap-around benefits for coverage of prescription drugs through the month of July 2006. These state-funded wrap-around benefits are available only for adults 21 years of age and older. There are 3 different drug wrap-around benefits depending on the individual's eligibility status:

- (1) Medicare Part D wrap-around for adults with both Medicare and Medicaid (i.e., Medicare/Medicaid dual eligibles);
- (2) Wrap-around benefit for TennCare Eligible adults who are state-funded by DMRS; and
- (3) Benzodiazepine/barbiturate wrap-around benefit.

Medicare Part D wrap around benefit for adults with both Medicare and Medicaid

The DMRS-funded Medicare Part D wrap-around benefit:

1. Is applicable for dates of service from January 1, 2006, through July 31, 2006;
2. Is available only for adults 21 years of age or older who are Medicare-Medicaid dual eligibles with Medicare Part D and who are either:
 - a. Enrolled in a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for individuals with mental retardation (i.e., "Arlington" waiver #0357.90, "Statewide" waiver #0128.90.R2A, "Self-Determination" waiver #0427); or
 - b. Currently state-funded by the Division of Mental Retardation Services;
3. Provides reimbursement on a monthly basis for up to a 1-month supply of a prescription drug that is not covered by Medicare Part D or by the individual's specific Medicare Part D drug plan, in accordance with the following:
 - a. The individual or the individual's physician must:
 - (1) Attempt to obtain the drug through the Medicare Part D drug plan;

The DMRS-funded wrap-around benefit for benzodiazepines and barbiturates:

1. Is applicable for dates of service from January 1, 2006, through July 31, 2006;
2. Is available only for adults 21 years of age or older who are:
 - a. Enrolled in a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for individuals with mental retardation (i.e., "Arlington" waiver #0357.90, "Statewide" waiver #0128.90.R2A, "Self-Determination" waiver #0427); or
 - b. Currently state-funded by the Division of Mental Retardation Services; and
3. Provides reimbursement on a monthly basis for up to a 1-month supply of a benzodiazepine or barbiturate. (A brand name drug is excluded if the generic form of the drug is available).

Reimbursement - Reimbursement for the drugs or drug co-payments described above are NOT to be included in the individual's service plan (section C of the Individual Support Plan). Instead, the provider agency or individual must submit documentation to the DMRS Regional Office regarding the amount paid to the pharmacy as well as information about the specific drug (e.g., drug name; strength; form; # of units dispensed; date dispensed; prescription number). The DMRS Regional Office will initially screen the documentation and then submit it to Assistant Commissioner Fred Hix in the DMRS Central Office for final review and payment.

Notification - DMRS Regional Directors should notify provider agencies that the drug wrap-around benefits have been extended through the month of July 2006 and should provide them with the name and contact information for the person in the Regional Office to whom the pharmacy invoices and documentation should be sent.

If you have any questions, please contact Louis Moore, M.D., Medical Director for Policy and Governmental Relations, at (615) 741-6632.

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